## **REMARKS**

The Office Actions dated December 30, 2003 and June 3, 2005 have been carefully reviewed and the foregoing amendment and following remarks have been made in consequence thereof.

Applicants would like to thank examiner and her supervisor for the courtesies extended to the Applicants representative during a telephonic interview on November 17, 2005. The wording of the independent claims was discussed and suggestions made that make the independent claims more clear and consistent. Although no agreement was reached as to whether the claims as amended would be allowable, examiners expressed a belief that unless new prior art was found during a final search, the amended claims appeared to be in a condition for allowance.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, all the claims now active in this application are believed to be in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and favorable action is respectfully solicited. If, during review of this response, the examiner believes a telephone interview would aid in the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is kindly invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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